

Application Serial No: 10/089,399
Responsive to the Office Action mailed on: October 3, 2007

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed on October 3, 2007. Claims 1 and 7 are amended. Claim 1 is amended editorially to include the features of claim 6. Claim 7 is amended editorially to track claim 1. Claims 6, 8, 10, 13 and 18-20 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Claims 1, 7, 9 and 12 are pending.

§102 Rejections:

Claims 1, 9, 12, 13, 16 and 20 are rejected as being anticipated by Sugiyama (JP 11-166886). Claims 1, 9, 12, 13, 16 and 20 are also rejected as being anticipated by Sugiyama (US Patent No. 6,122,049). These rejections are traversed. Claim 1 is amended to include the features of allowable claim 6 and should be allowed. Claims 9 and 12 depend from claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons. Applicants do not concede the correctness of this rejection.

Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1, 7, 9 and 12 are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455-3804.



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